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TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

SUMMARY: LEFTIST LEADER MOHIE EL DIN PRAISES U.S. DEMOCRACY WHILE DAMNING GOE CRITICS (INCLUDING SADAT) OF DOMESTIC OPPOSITION. REITERATES JANUARY 1977 A "POPULAR UPSURGE". HYPOCRISY OF HIS UNACCUSTOMED PRAISE FOR U.S. WILL NOT ESCAPE NOTICE. END SUMMARY.

1. MAY 10 ISSUE LEFTIST WEEKLY AL-AHALI CARRIED LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY PARTY LEADER KHALED MOHIE EL DIN, IN WHICH HE PAID BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT TO U.S. DEMOCRACY WHILE ATTACKING SADAT'S MAY 2 SPEECH. MOHIE EL DIN VIGOROUSLY CRITICIZED THOSE DEPICTING DEMOCRACY AS BURDEN AND DANGER, A FETTER ON GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT. SAID ANY DEMOCRATIC RULER MUST BE SUBJECT TO PRESSURE, EVEN U.S. PRESIDENT SUFFERS FROM CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT. CONGRESS OBSTRUCTS SOME EXECUTIVE PLANS AND DECISIONS (MOST NOTABLY ENERGY AND AIRCRAFT DEAL) BUT U.S. PRESIDENT DOES NOT COMPLAIN. RATHER, HE
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ACCEPTS THIS AS CHARACTERISTIC OF DEMOCRACY.

2. MOHIE EL DIN OBSERVED EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, ON OTHER HAND, COMPLAINS BITTERLY OVER OPPOSITION, PARTICULARLY FROM LEFT. HE ALLEGED GOVERNMENT HAS TRANSFERRED "SCORES OF WORKERS" SIMPLY BECAUSE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP. MOHIE EL DIN CLAIMED GOVERNMENT FULLY

CONTROLS MASS MEDIA BUT, NEVERTHELESS, COMPLAINS ABOUT
AL-AHALI--WHICH PUBLISHED "WITH PIASTERS OF THE POOR."

3. MOHIE EL DIN VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED LEFT PARTY PLATFORM,
CLAIMING MIN MANPOWER SAAD AHMED ADOPTED PORTIONS OF
THIS IN LABOR DAY ADDRESS. REPEATED LEFTIST ALLEGATION
EVENTS OF JANUARY 1977 WERE "POPULAR UPSURGE",
NOTING THEY WERE SO DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN, FRENCH,
BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN PAPERS, IN ADDITION TO SOVIET
MEDIA.

4. COMMENT: UTTER HYPOCRISY OF MOHIE EL DIN'S
PRAISE FOR U.S. DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT ESCAPE
NOTICE. REMAINDER OF SAME EDITION, IN FACT, LARGELY
FILLED WITH LEFT WING BOILERPLATE. EILTS

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